



Department of Human Resources
COVID-19 Facility Capacity Limits Procedure for Milwaukee County
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The COVID-19 pandemic has required numerous responses to keep Milwaukee County residents, service users, and employees safe. These responses, outlined in various orders and policies issued by the County, include vaccinations for all eligible individuals, quarantining of exposed and symptomatic individuals, isolation of infected individuals, physical distancing, mask wearing, and enhanced cleaning protocols.

With rates of community transmission and hospitalization falling from all-time highs, Milwaukee County is eliminating its facility capacity limits. **Version 1.0 of this procedure includes a new table outlining capacity limits. As of March 9, 2022, the Capacity Limits for Milwaukee County facilities is set to LOW, as outlined in this procedure.**

If you have questions about this, or any other COVID-19 procedure, please email: COVID-19@milwaukeecountywi.gov

I. General

Milwaukee County facilities are managed by multiple departments within Milwaukee County, serving a range of general and specialized needs. These limits below affect all facilities, regardless of department management.

II. Definitions

- A. Essential Institutions** – Milwaukee County departments, services or facilities that are deemed essential to the safe operation of Milwaukee County. These include, but are not limited to, Milwaukee County Courts, correctional facilities, and hospital facilities.
- B. Risk Rating** – a rating set by Milwaukee County based on the Centers for Disease Control COVID Community Level Rating classification¹ as well as local trends identified by the Milwaukee County Chief Health Policy Advisor. This rating may change from time to time.

III. Capacity Limits

Capacity limits in force for all facilities owned or operated by Milwaukee County, except those designated as Essential Institutions, are set based on the County's Risk Rating and are subject to change. Essential Institutions are responsible for setting their own capacity level.

- A.** Private party rentals may observe capacity limits in place at the time of booking or on the day of the event if limits on the day of the event are less strict than at the time of booking.

¹The Centers for Disease Control "[COVID Community Level Rating](#)" classification system identifies counties as being low, medium, or high risk, based on criteria including cases and COVID patient-occupied hospital beds that those counties report to the CDC.

B. The current Risk Level for Milwaukee County is Low, and capacity limits are set as:

For Critically High and Intermediate Risk Levels, Limits are Lesser of:			LOW RISK (NORMAL OPERATIONS)
<u>Persons per 30 square feet OR</u>	Risk-Rated Capacity*		
	CRITICALLY HIGH RISK	INTERMEDIATE RISK	

Indoor Facilities (non-rental)**

Buildings	1 person per 30 sq ft OR	50 percent	75 percent	100 percent
Elevators	1 person per 30 sq ft OR	50 percent	75 percent	100 percent
Meeting rooms	1 person per 30 sq ft OR	50 percent	75 percent	100 percent
Break Rooms	1 person per 30 sq ft OR	50 percent	75 percent	100 percent
Kitchenettes	1 person per 30 sq ft OR	50 percent	75 percent	100 percent
Restaurants – carryout service	1 person per 30 sq ft OR	100 percent	100 percent	100 percent
Restaurants – dine in seating	1 person per 30 sq ft OR	50 percent or 100 people	75 percent or 250 people	100 percent
Gift Shops, Pro Shops, Other retail	1 person per 30 sq ft OR	50 percent or 100 people	75 percent or 350 people	100 percent
Auditoriums	1 person per 30 sq ft OR	50 percent or 100 people	75 percent or 350 people	100 percent
Gyms	1 person per 30 sq ft OR	50 percent or 100 people	75 percent or 350 people	100 percent
Private Vehicles used for County Business	n/a	Driver only - no passengers	Driver + one passenger in back seat	100 percent
County Vehicles	n/a	Capacity Limit with KN-95 masks and windows open	Vehicle capacity with all windows open and KN-95 Masks	100 percent

Outdoor Operations (excluding rental spaces)

Work Yards, Storage Areas	1 person per 30 sq ft OR	50 percent	100 percent	100 percent
Paths, Trails	1 person per 30 sq ft OR	100 percent	100 percent	100 percent
Picnic Areas	1 person per 30 sq ft OR	100 percent	100 percent	100 percent
Open Air Shelters	1 person per 30 sq ft OR	50 percent or 100 people	75 percent or 350 people	100 percent
Playgrounds	1 person per 30 sq ft OR	100 percent	100 percent	100 percent
Golf Courses	1 person per 30 sq ft OR	100 percent	100 percent	100 percent

Rental Spaces (Private Party Usage)***

Rental Meeting Rooms -Beverage Serv -Food Serv	1 person per 30 sq ft OR	50 percent -Pre-Plated or Pre-Packaged Bev & Food -No self-service	75 percent -Bev Serv Allowed -Food Serv Allowed	100 percent -Bev Serv Allowed -Food Serv Allowed
Banquet Halls -Beverage Serv -Buffet Serv -Food Serv by wait staff	1 person per 30 sq ft OR	50 percent or 100 people -Bev Serv by wait staff -No Buffet -Food by wait staff	75 percent or 250 people -Bev Serv self serv w/ distancing -Buffet w/ distancing -Food by wait staff	100 percent -Bev Serv Allowed -Buffet Allowed -Food Serv Allowed
Dancing	n/a	Allowed with distancing marked on floor	Allowed with distancing marked on floor	Allowed
Indoor Rental Pavilions	1 person per 30 sq ft OR	50 percent or 100 people	75 percent or 250 people	100 percent
Outdoor Rental Picnic areas	1 person per 30 sq ft OR	50 percent or 200 people	75 percent or 350 people	100 percent

* County-defined Risk Levels, as set from time to time. Level as of March 9, 2022, is Low.

** Essential Facilities may operate at higher capacity limits. These include, but are not limited to, Milwaukee County Courts, correctional facilities, hospitals and airports.

*** Private party rentals may observe capacity limits in place at the time of booking or on the day of the event, if limits on the day of the event are less strict than at the time of booking.

NOTE: All County policies regarding masking and physical distancing must be enforced.